



IN THE UNITED STATES

PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Donald E. Burg Serial Number: 10/784,443 Filed: 02/23/2004

Title: SURFACE EFFECT SHIP IMPROVEMENTS

Examiner: Lars A. Olson Art Unit: 3617 Attorney Docket No: 104-156

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED 11/19/04

Commissioner of Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

Replace the Claims with the attached Amendment to the claims.

REMARKS

This AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED 11/19/2004 is timely filed. No claims have been added or canceled. As such, no additional fees are due.

Regarding items 1-3 of the Office Action, Applicant has amended claim 67 so that it now depends from base claim 66. Claims 68-71 now correctly depend from claim 67.

It is respectfully submitted that the Application as herewith amended should now be in condition for allowance and that action is respectfully requested. However, should the Examiner feel that some matters remain to be resolved, a telephone interview with undersigned counsel for the Applicant is respectfully invited if the same would be expedient in resolving any remaining formalities or other matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 7, 2005

By: _____

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached paper has been deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 this 7 day of February, 2005 which is neither a Saturday, Sunday or federal holiday within the District of Columbia, and I accordingly claim the filing date of February 7, 2005 for this paper as provided in 37 C.F.R. 1.18.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 7, 2005

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